(c) The number of the CBI cases pending for prosecution sanction, year-wise, are indicated as under:-

As on 31.12.2004	As on 31.12.2005	As on 31.12.2006	As on 31.07.2007
155	96	111	81

(d) As per directions of the Supreme Court in the case of Vineet Narain *Vs* Union of India, "a time limit of 3 months has been fixed for grant of sanction for prosecution. However, additional time of one month is allowed in cases where consultation is required with the Attorney General (AG) or any Law Officer in the AG's office",

Appeals received by CIC/SICs

1298. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of appeals against denial of information, till date, received by Central Information Commission/State Information Commissions and their disposal;

(b) whether most of such appeals have been rejected; and

(c) if so, whether it reflects that CIC/ SICs suffer from bureaucratic constraint to share/divulge information?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) The total number of appeals filed in the Central Information Commission (CIC) upto 14.08.2007 alleging unsatisfactory response/denial of information is 8169. Information in respect of State Information Commissions is not centrally maintained.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Places for training of IAS officers

†1299. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places where IAS officers are sent for training by Government and the number of the officers who have been sent fot training during the last five years and the names of the countries where they were sent;

(b) the details thereof country-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether Government are considering a plan to make in service training in USA or the institutes affiliated to it compulsory; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) whether Government would consider and arrange to ensure that these officers are given training in the institutions of the country itself in the background of its own specialities and traditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) A Statement is enclosed. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The Government has introduced a mandatory mid-career training programme consisting of Phases-III, IV & V, for IAS officers with 7-9 years of experience in case of Phase-III, 14-16 years of experience in case of Phase-IV and 26-28 years of experience in case of Phase-V. The design, development and delivery of the Phase-III programme was entrusted jointly to TERI School of Advanced Studies, New Delhi and Duke Centre for International Development, Duke University, USA, that of the Phase-IV programme was entrusted jointly to Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore and Maxwell School, Syracuse University, USA and that of the Phase- V programme was entrusted jointly to Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad and Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, USA.

The participants of Phase-III & IV are being trained for 6 weeks in India and are being sent to USA and to an Asian Country respectively, for a 2-week exposure visit. The officers participating in the Phase- V programme are being trained at Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad for all the 4 weeks.

In addition to the above mandatory mid career training, every IAS officer is required to attend a 1 week in-service training programme in a block of 2 years. Such training is imparted in various leading institutions within the country having specialization in particular sectors or skills, in order to update the knowledge and skills of the officers in selected subjects.

The IAS officers, who have a minimum of 10 years of experience, are also eligible to attend one more flexible training programme once in a financial year at the Indian Institutes of Management located at Bangalore, Ahmedabad, Calcutta and Lucknow.

Statement

The country-wise and year-wise details of IAS officers sent for training by Government during last five years

(a) Details of IAS officers deputed for "Short Term training abroad" under the Scheme of "Domestic Funding of Foreign Training" (DFFT)

Sl. No.	Place, Country	Year wise details of the number of officers				
		2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Harvard, USA	1	–	1	5	–
2.	ISS, Netherlands	3	–	6	4	2
3.	Slovenia	–	3	–	–	1

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4.	EMDC/WMDC,USA	–	11	10	11	14
5.	RIPA, London, UK	–	4	21	11	21
6.	AIM, Manila, Philippines	–	1	–	–	–
7.	ENA, France	–	–	5	–	–
8.	IP3, Washington, USA	–	–	3	1	–
9.	Cambridge University	–	–	1	1	–
10	University of Jordan, Aman	–	–	1	–	–
11	Syracuse University, USA	1	3	2	1	–
12	AIT Bangkok, Thailand	–	3	14	–	3
13	Austrian National University, Australia	–	–	–	2	–
14	Global Training Consulting Ltd., London, UK.	–	–	–	–	15
	TOTAL:	5	25	64	36	56

SUB TOTAL 186

(b) Details of IAS officers deputed for "Long Term training abroad" under the Scheme of "Domestic Funding of Foreign Training" (DFFT)

Sl. No.	Place, Country	Year wise details of the number of officers				
		2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	AIM Manila	5	3	5	1	–
2	Syracuse University, USA	4	4	4	6	6
3	IDS Sussex, U.K.	4	2	–	1	2
4	University of Birmingham, UK	4	3	5	5	3

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5	ISS the Hague, Netherlands	–	1	3	3	1
6	University of Slovenia	–	2	5	3	1
7	University of Duke, USA	–	–	–	2	–
8	Austrian National University, Australia	–	–	–	2	5
9	University of Hull, UK	4	–	–	–	–
10	ENA France, Paris	–	–	1	–	–
11	National University of Singapore	–	–	1	–	–
12	Carnegie Mellon University, South Australia	–	–	–	–	3
	TOTAL:	21	15	24	23	21

SUB TOTAL: 104

(c) Details of IAS officers deputed for "domestic long Term training" under the Scheme of "Domestic Funding of Foreign Training" (DFFT)

Name of the University, Place, Country and the no. of officers, year wise, under domestic long term training with a foreign component under DFFT

Year	IIMB-Maxwell Syracuse, USA	TERI, Delhi & Univ. of Texas & Yale, USA	MDI, Gurgaon –George Mason, USA	IIMA-Georgetown University, Carnegie Mellon University & University of Texas, USA
1	2	3	4	5
2003-04	10			
2004-05	7			
2005-06	3			
2006-07	3	3		

1	2	3	4	5	
2007-08	0	3	1	4	
TOTAL:	23	6	1	4	34

SUB-TOTAL: 34

Employment on the basis of false caste certificate

1300. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of persons have secured employment in Government offices/departments and public sector undertakings on the basis of false caste certificates;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in the matter; and

(c) what measure have been taken to prevent securing employment on false caste certificates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) The CBI has registered 34 cases for securing jobs on the basis of fake ST certificates. Out of these 34 cases, charge sheets have been filed in 22 cases and 9 cases have been closed for want of evidence. In one case, regular departmental action for major penalty has been recommended and the investigation has not been completed in the remaining 2 cases.

As regards securing jobs on the basis of fake SC certificate the CBI has registered 2 cases against 3 persons. Out of these charge sheet has been filed in one case and the remaining case is under investigation.

(c) The Government has issued instruction from time to time that it is mandatory on the part of the appointing authority to verify the caste status of SC/ ST/OBC officials at the time of initial appointment. These instructions have been reiterated *vide* O.M. No. 36022/1/2007-Estt. (Res) dated 20.03.2007.

Awareness about Right to Information Act

1301. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to increase awareness among the people about the Right to Information Act and its objectives;

(b) the total number of applications received under the Act since its inception;

(c) the total number of applications pending for reply; and

(d) the number of applications received under the said Act from rural places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) The Directorate of